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SUBJECT: COFFEE: TWENTY-NINTH SESSION OF COFFEE
COUNCIL

1. THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT 1976 ENTERED
INTO FORCE PROVISIONALLY ON OCTOBER 1 WITH 41
EXPORTING AND 20 IMPORTING MEMBERS. THE TWENTY-NINTH
AND THIRTIETH SESSIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE
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COUNCIL WERE HELD SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 2 TO WORK OUT
THE REMAINING TECHNICAL ISSUES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE NEW AGREEMENT.

2. THE MAIN ISSUE SURFACED WHEN THE CONSUMERS TABLED A
DRAFT RESOLUTION BEFORE THE COUNCIL TO ASSURE THAT
STATISTICAL INFORMATION OBTAINED BY THE CERTIFICATES
OF ORIGIN ON EXPORTS TO IMPORTING MEMBERS WAS KEPT

CONFIDENTIAL BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT. THEIR CONCERN WAS THAT THIS DATA COULD BE MISUSED BY EXPORTERS TO POLICE CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS CONTROLLING TRADE IN COFFEE AMONG IMPORTING MEMBERS.

3. THE PRODUCERS OBJECTED. BECAUSE THE SIZE OF THEIR QUOTAS WOULD DEPEND ON THEIR EXPORTS TO IMPORTING MEMBERS, THEY ASSERTED THEIR NEED TO HAVE ACCESS TO THIS DATA IF THEY WERE TO BE ABLE TO MAKE SURE THAT THEIR SHIPMENTS WERE NOT DIVERTED TO NON-MEMBER IMPORTERS. REPRESENTATIVES FROM GUATEMALA, COSTA RICA, COLOMBIA, UGANDA, AND KENYA SPOKE OUT IN SUPPORT OF THIS CLAIM, EL SALVADOR'S DELEGATE THE MOST VOCALLY. THE BRAZILIAN REPRESENTATIVE DID NOT INTERVENE.

4. THE ISSUE WAS RESOLVED IN A SMALL WORKING GROUP COMPOSED OF COLOMBIA, OAMCAF, FRANCE, AND THE UNITED STATES. THE COUNCIL APPROVED ITS COMPROMISE, INCLUDING THE DRAFT RESOLUTION AS WELL AS A REVISION IN THE DRAFT RULES ON THE SYSTEM OF CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN.

5. AT FINAL COUNCIL SESSION NEW OFFICERS AND NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD CHOSEN FOR COFFEE YEAR 1976/77. JEAN-LUC SCHWEISGUTH OF FRANCE ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL AND SAMUEL W'NJUGUNA OF KENYA, CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. IMPORTING COUNTRIES ELECTED TO BOARD ARE: AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, FRG, FRANCE, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, U.K., U.S.A. EXPORTING COUNTRIES ELECTED ARE: ANGOLA, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, GUATEMALA, MEXICO, OAMCAF AND UGANDA.

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